

af 100.(New) An image searching method as claimed in Claim 33, wherein said image search-step includes a step for clearly indicating an object adapted to the search key by synthesizing a graphics with the searched image to be displayed.

101.(New) An image searching method as claimed in Claim 33, wherein said search key input step includes a step for inputting a search key by a voice.

102.(New) An image searching method as claimed in Claim 34, wherein said search key input step includes a step for inputting a search key by a voice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 were filed with the above-identified application. Unrelated to any prior art rejection from any parent application, Claims 1-31, 39-43 and 45-51 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 32-35, 44 and 66 have been amended, and new Claims 65-102 have been added. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 32-38, 44 and 52-102 will be pending for further consideration and search in the present application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted concurrently herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with Forms PTO-1449, for entry in the above-identified application so such information appears on the face of any patent issuing hereon.

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Submitted concurrently herewith is a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, along with a copy of the Notice and all of the appropriate late filing surcharge and claims fees authorized for payment on the attached Form PTO-2038.

APPENDIX A-MARKED VERSION

Attached hereto is Appendix A-Marked Version to indicate additions and deletions in the amended claims by underlining and bracketing, respectively.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this Preliminary Amendment is proper and should be entered, because it is being timely filed so as not to burden the Office with undue reconsideration and/or further search in connection therewith.

No additional fees are required other than those authorized in the attached Form PTO-2038. However, if any Petition or fees are actually proper for the filing of this paper, please charge same to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 500.31754CX2), and please credit any overpayment or excess fees thereto.

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Appendix A-Marked Version

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32.(Once Amended) An image searching method [as claimed in Claim 31] for searching a video image and for displaying the searched image, comprising:

a search key designating step for designating a search key by inputting either a text or a pattern; and an image searching step for displaying a video image in which an object adapted to the search key designated by said search key designating step is being displayed;

wherein said image searching step includes a step for selecting a video camera based upon said search key.

33.(Once Amended) An image searching method as claimed in [Claim 31 or Claim 32, wherein said image searching step includes a step for operating a video camera based upon the search key.

34.(Once Amended) An image searching method as claimed [any one of the preceding Claims 31 to 33] in Claim 32, wherein said image search-step includes a step for clearly indicating an object adapted to the search key by synthesizing a graphics with the searched image to be displayed.

35.(Once Amended) An image searching method as claimed [any one of the preceding Claims 31 to 34] in Claim 32, wherein said search key input step includes a step for inputting a search key by a voice.

44.(Once Amended) An information processing apparatus [as claimed in Claim 43] for storing data to control an object (referred to "control data" hereinafter), and also for storing either audio, or video data related to said object, comprising:
means for relating the control data with the audio, or video data; and
means for relating the control data with the audio, or video data based upon said relating means to be outputted;

wherein;

first reproducing means for reproducing said control data, and second reproducing means for reproducing at least one of said audio data and said video data are further comprised;

said relating means includes means for storing information for relating said control data to said audio data, or said video data;

said output means includes: first output means for outputting said reproduced measurement data;

second output means for outputting said reproduced sound data, or said reproduced video data; and

synchronizing means for controlling said first and second output means in such a manner that said outputted control data is synchronized with said audio data, or said video data based on said relating information to be outputted.

62. A monitoring apparatus as claimed in Claim [51] 44, wherein third storage means for storing operation input information of an operator is further comprised,

said output means includes third output means for outputting the operation input information of the operator in synchronism with the reproduction of the video data or the audio data;

wherein means for accepting operation input information is further comprised;

said synchronizing means includes means for searching video and audio data acquired at a time instant very close to a time instant when the designated operation is inputted; and

said second output means includes means for controlling the third output means to output the operation input information in synchronism with the reproduction of the video data, or the audio data by the second output means;

wherein said relating means includes means for storing information to relate the monitoring object with the control data;

said control means includes means for selecting a monitoring object related to said selected control data based on said information; and

said second output means includes means for displaying said selected monitoring object.